GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2690
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ESTABLISHMENT OF PASSPORT OFFICES
BASUDEB ACHARIA;UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE;V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some more passport offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

a) No, Sir.

b) Does not arise.

c) As per the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Parliament, a new passport office should be centrally located, should consider the existing nearby offices and should get an average of 50,000 applications per annum over a period of three years. In view of the continuing shortage of staff and the norms recommended by the Standing Committee Government does not propose to open any new passport offices at present.